(b) what other suggestions have they to meet the all round misery of the times?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) Government are not aware.

(b) The results of the proposed economic survey of the State have to be awaited.

Husk-beating Industry.

590. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question 388, dated 12th of Kumbham 1107, will the Government be pleased to state the details of their attempt at Cherai?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—A coir works factory was started at Cherai with a view to purchase coir yarn and rope from individual husk beaters and to convert them to coir mats, rugs, etc., and to teach the children of the artisans as to how coir mats, rugs, etc., are to be manufactured. No attempt was however, made to substitute machinery for human labour in regard to husk beating.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether there is any possibility of such machine substitution for this industry?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I am not an authority. I shall leave it to experts.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will you kindly make some inquiry about it?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It will be one of the inquiries.

Steps to prevent wastage in Primary Education.

591. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) the number of pupils in the State attending (1) first, (2) second, (3) third and (4) fourth year classes at the end of 1103, 1104, 1105, 1106 and 1107;

(b) what steps have been taken by the Government to eliminate wastage in Primary Education?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a)

Years	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV
1103	31,281	21,631	18,441	21,051
1104	32,719	22,939	19,698	21,815
1105	33,373	24,583	17,184	28,084
1106	34,485	24,657	21,973	22,573
1107	35,417	27,296	23,663	23,811

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